

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that the Board will hold a meeting, open to the public on **Thursday, January 19, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* in the **Arizona State Parks Board Room**, located at **1300 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ.** The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters.

### **AGENDA**

(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)

- A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – 9:00 A.M.**
- B. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**
- C. CONSENT AGENDA** - The following items of a noncontroversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation on these items for their review prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this meeting as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board's office, 1300 W. Washington, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona.
  - 1. Approve Minutes of November 17, 2005 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting**
  - 2. Fee Recommendation** – Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board change the off season designations at Catalina, Lost Dutchman, Oracle, Picacho Peak, Fool Hollow and Roper Lake State Parks; Eliminate the Discount season for camping at Roper Lake; reduce the camping fees for both electric and non-electric sites at Roper Lake and institute a pet fee for the cabins and yurts as presented by staff to take effect beginning March 1, 2006 and allow staff to proceed with public notification of said changes.
  - 3. Concession Contract Slide Rock State Park** – Staff recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director or his designee to enter into negotiations and a contract for concession services at Slide Rock State Park.
  - 4. Consider Extending the Project End Date for Mohave County Parks Department State Lake Improvement Fund Project: 780001, Davis Camp Improvements** – Staff recommends extending the project end date by 12 months to December 18, 2006 for State Lake Improvement Fund Project #780001, Mohave County Parks Dept. – Davis Camp.
  - 5. Consider Extending the Project End Date for Mohave County Parks Department State Lake Improvement Fund Projects: 789901, Davis Camp Improvements** – Staff recommends extending the project end date by 12

months to December 7, 2006 for State lake Improvement Fund Project #789901 Mohave County Parks Dept. – Davis Camp.

6. **Consider Request for Extension of the Project End Date for City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department Historic Preservation Fund Project #640210 Phoenix Indian School Dining Hall** – Staff recommends the approval of a one-year project end date from November 26, 2005 to November 26, 2006 to the City of Phoenix for the Historic Preservation Heritage Fund Grant #640210, Phoenix Indian School Dining Hall. HPAC unanimously approved the staff recommendation at their December 5, 2005 meeting.
7. **Consider Request for CAP Increase for Historic Preservation Grants** – Staff recommends approval of a \$50,000 cap increase from \$100,000 to \$150,000 per project beginning FY 2006 Historic Preservation grant application projects. HPAC unanimously approved the staff recommendation at their December 5, 2005 meeting.
8. **Consider Request for Modification to the Current Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant #640208 Historic Sites at District Park – Town of Marana** – Staff recommends: Preservation Conservation Easement Deed (PCED) boundaries be modified to include only the archaeological site and a separate easement created for the historic Aguirre Ranch building sites; Arizona State Parks will develop a modified PCED for recordation; for those archaeological features that fall outside the new PCED and inside the rights-of-way (features on the south end of trench 8 and 9), Marana will conduct the same data recovery as was done for the other sites within the right-of-way; allowing the Town of Marana to create a “Yuma Wash Archaeology Site” for public interpretation and future scientific data recovery studies; allowing the Town of Marana to create an “Aguirre Ranch Historic site” with a Ramada over the historic Aguirre Ranch building and other recommended features; the Town of Marana will nominate the Yuma Wash Archaeology Site and the Aguirre Ranch Historic Site for listing on the National Register; and that any ground-disturbing activities, even those previously approved under the current PCED, will require written SHPO approval. HPAC unanimously approved the staff recommendations at their December 5, 2005 meeting.

#### **D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Discussion with Representatives of Game and Fish Commission on Items of Mutual Concern and the How Each Agency Can Assist the Other.** Items to be discussed may include the Heritage Fund, cooperative management of properties, watchable wildlife and other educational programs.
2. **Presentation by The Nature Conservancy on the Verde River Greenway**
3. **Presentation by a Representative of the Phoenix Zoo on Difficulties of Engaging Young People in Nature**

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#### **E. EXECUTIVE STAFF UPDATES**

1. **Budget, Revenue and Attendance Updates**
2. **Acquisition Priorities**
3. **State Land Trust Reform**

4. **Legislation** - Update on proposed legislation and committee assignments pertinent to Arizona State Parks
5. **Update on Climbing Park**
6. **Mt. Lemmon Aerial Tram Feasibility Study Presentation**
7. **Status of Negotiations with the Arizona Historical Society for an Agreement of Mutual Cooperation**
- F. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Upon a public majority vote, the Board may hold an Executive Session which is not open to the public for the following purposes:
  1. **To discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3), including:**
    - a. **Mabery Easement Dispute Litigation**
  2. **To discuss or consult with its legal counsel in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding the Board’s position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(4)**
    - a. **Mabery Easement Dispute Litigation**
- G. **ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  1. **Mabery Easement Dispute Litigation**
- H. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- I. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
- J. **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
  1. **Staff recommends that the next Arizona State Parks Board Meeting be held in Lake Havasu, AZ on February 16, 2006.**
- K. **ADJOURNMENT**

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